

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on January 30, 2006, and the references cited therewith.

No claims are amended, no claims are canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 1-27 remain pending in this application.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-27 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-29 of U.S. Patent No. 6,658,571.

Claims 1-27 were rejected under a non-statutory double patenting rejection, specifically U.S. Patent No. 6,658,571. Applicant does not admit that the claims are obvious in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,658,571. However, a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(b)(iv) is enclosed herewith to obviate these rejections.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6909 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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